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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

Sir:

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 7, 11, 18, and 24.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A salt tolerant transgenic turfgrass cell comprising a transgene encoding a glycine betaine biosynthetic enzyme.